

**South-Western City Schools
Minutes – Regular Meeting
October 9, 2023**

The South-Western City Board of Education met in regular session on October 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Chris Boso
Anthony Caldwell
Cathy Johnson
Kelli Martindale
Lee Schreiner

23-96 **Mr. Schreiner moved** that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented for the October 9, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Ms. Martindale seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Schreiner, Aye; Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye;
Ms. Johnson, Aye; Mr. Caldwell, Aye.

Motion Carried

23-97 **Mr. Boso moved** that the Board of Education approve the meeting minutes for the September 25, 2023 meeting as attached.

Ms. Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Boso, Aye; Ms. Johnson, Aye; Ms. Martindale, Aye;
Mr. Schreiner, Aye; Mr. Caldwell, Aye.

Motion Carried

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PRESENTATION

1. In-Demand Career Pathways - Ms. Christine Galvin, Director, Career-Technical Programs
 - a. Ms. Galvin presented a PowerPoint presentation showcasing in-demand career pathways available in the District.
 - b. Mr. Caldwell stated that you do not need a college degree to earn a six-figure salary.
 - c. Mr. Caldwell stated that parents tell him how appreciative they are about the District bringing this kind of programming to the middle schools.
 - d. Mr. Caldwell stated that he hopes more students take up careers in transportation and/or logistics.
 - e. Mr. Schreiner stated that Representative Richardson came to the South-Western Career Academy this week to take a tour and was very impressed. She wanted to thank SWCA and the student ambassadors for the tour.
 - f. Dr. Wise stated that it does not have to be a forced choice, but you can be prepared for college and a career by attending SWCA. It may just be the cost of some electives if you attend a four-year traditional path.
 - g. Dr. Wise stated that when we develop programs, there are different types of credit. Dr. Wise asked what types of credits are out there.
 - h. Ms. Galvin stated that you can get college credit and still take AP credit in a career tech pathway. In addition, courses may have different types of credit. C-tag courses have been tagged for college credit in a certain pathway. Articulated credits are institution specific and must have an agreement in place with an institution for the credit to count.
 - i. Mr. Schreiner asked if there was reciprocity in other states accepting the types of credits we offer.

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- j. Mr. Boso stated that he loves that we get kids in middle school engaged so early. He stated that he loves the career academy and that when he was elected to the Board, he did not know what all was possible there and now he knows and it is amazing.
- k. Dr. Wise and Mr. Caldwell concurred with these sentiments.

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BOARD REPORTS

There were no Board Reports

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public participation relative to agenda items.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Lee Schreiner provided a Legislative Liaison Report as follows:

Property tax legislation

The House and Senate are considering two bills that would make temporary changes to property tax valuations. The bills could potentially be amended to adjust the 20-mill floor. OSBA, BASA and OASBO distributed a joint call to action letter with in-depth information on this issue and talking points for contacting your state legislators. The committee held a third hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 153, sponsored by Sens. George Lang (R-West Chester) and Terry Johnson (R-McDermott), which would temporarily modify the method for valuing farmland and other real property for tax purposes.

House Ways and Means Committee

The committee heard sponsor testimony on House Bill (HB) 263, sponsored by Reps. Dani Isaacsohn (D-Cincinnati) and Thomas Hall (R-Madison Township), which would authorize a property tax freeze for certain owner-occupied homes.

House Transportation Committee

The committee heard sponsor testimony on HB 279, sponsored by Rep. Bernard Willis (R-Springfield), which would require occupant restraining devices to be installed on all school buses within five years.

The committee also heard sponsor testimony on HB 140, sponsored by Richard D. Brown (D-Canal Winchester), which would increase penalties for passing a school bus and allow the use of cameras on school buses.

House Higher Education Committee

The committee held sponsor testimony on HB 183, sponsored by Reps. Adam Bird (R-New Richmond) and Beth Lear (R-Galena), regards single-sex bathroom access in primary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education. The committee also held sponsor testimony on HB 219, sponsored by Reps Adam Bird (R-Cincinnati) and Sean Brennan (D-Parma), regards the College Credit Plus Program.

House Government Oversight Committee

The committee held sponsor testimony on HB 257, sponsored by Reps. James M. Hoops (R-Napoleon) and Thaddeus J. Claggett (R-Newark), which would authorize certain public bodies to meet virtually, including the School Employees Retirement Board. School boards, among other boards, are not included in the authorization.

House Pension

The committee amended and passed HB 78, sponsored by Reps. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) and Joseph A. Miller, III (D-Amherst), which would change the State Teachers Retirement Board membership to allow retirees who are reemployed to seek election as a contributing or retired member of the board. The amendment states that those permittees employed as substitute teachers are included as members of the State Teachers Retirement System and specifically excludes them from the School Employee Retirement System.

House Finance Committee

The committee held a second hearing on HB 164, sponsored by Reps. Dontavius Jarrells (D-Columbus) and Seitz, which establishes the Foster-to-College Scholarship Program. The bill requires the Department of Education to hire a full-time school foster care liaison and make an appropriation for the Foster-to-College Scholarship Program.

New bills introduced

SB 168, sponsored by Sen. Michele Reynolds (R-Canal Winchester), regards education regulation reform and updating outdated language in the Ohio Revised Code. Some changes include:

- amends the language on a board of education (BOE) of municipalities adopting teacher evaluations;

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- permits the BOE to combine their mandatory meeting to discuss the school calendar with another board meeting;
- amends language on the standards for community schools and their report cards;
- amends language on the reasonable reductions in non-teaching employees to no longer give preferential treatment based on seniority unless deciding between two employees with comparable evaluations; and
- amends language on licensure requirements for certain school employees.

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What DEW we do now?

As stated in the state's biennial budget, House Bill (HB) 33, the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) would be established as a cabinet level department with a director who would report directly to the governor. DEW was set to be partially phased in beginning Oct. 3, 2023. Once operational, DEW would absorb much of the power and responsibilities that were previously held by the State Board of Education (SBOE). This was a major concern when the idea to create DEW was considered since the SBOE is established and deemed necessary in the Ohio Constitution. Once DEW was operational, the SBOE would only be responsible for teacher licensure and territory transfers. This transition is now in limbo after a lawsuit was filed by seven members of the SBOE and a Franklin County Court of Common Pleas judge issued a temporary restraining order blocking portions of HB 33 from becoming law. This temporary order was issued so that the court may review the legality of some provisions in HB 33. The three provisions that the plaintiffs argue violate the Ohio Constitution are:

- Adding education policy to the budget violated the single-subject rule that says laws can't be about more than one topic.
- The "education takeover" provisions in HB 33 didn't get three considerations as required.
- Ohioans voted to create the board in 1953, giving it certain core powers that the legislature can't take away.

Gov. Mike DeWine held a press conference to clear up some confusion on the lawsuit and clarify the future of DEW under his administration. He spoke on how the Ohio Department of Education goes away and is replaced by DEW regardless of the lawsuits because of the law that was passed by the General Assembly. He claims DEW is legally allowed to be established to handle day-to-day statewide business regarding K-12 education. This includes sending checks to Ohio's public schools and making determinations on eligibility for the state's expanded vouchers. Gov. DeWine argued that the temporary order only means he cannot appoint a DEW director or transfer the SBOE's powers to DEW. In the absence of a governor appointed director, the current Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. J. Christopher Woolard, will oversee DEW for the time being.

State Report Cards

Just before the lawsuit on the future of the SBOE and DEW kicked off, ODE released the highly anticipated state report cards for the 2022-23 school year. Though student proficiency levels have not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels they continue to rise. Increased proficiency was seen among all subgroups of students in English language arts and math, but there are still large disparities between some subgroups. The lowest achievement levels were seen for students with disabilities, Hispanic students and Black students with the disparities for the subgroups growing wider than they were pre-pandemic. In addition to improving proficiency among every group of students the state saw improvements in decreasing chronic absenteeism. Chronic absenteeism is still a concern at 26.8% but there is optimism with the rate decreasing by 3.4% since last year.

Student absence legislation

The Statehouse is also looking more accurately reflecting the chronic absenteeism rate through legislation. Senate Bill (SB) 49, originally passed by the Senate to mandate each K-12 public school to adopt policy providing students with religious expression days, has been amended by the House Primary & Secondary Education committee.

The substitute version of SB 49 adds the following:

- Changes the definition of chronic absenteeism to no longer include excused absences.
- Does not count excused absences toward habitual truancy or excessive absenteeism until a student has more than 60 hours of excused absences.
- Provides a list of what must be considered a legitimate excuse for absences.
- Updates the state's graduation rate formula so schools and districts are not penalized when students on individualized educational plans defer graduation.

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If passed in its amended form SB 49 could help the state report card and district report cards improve even further, but student engagement is still key to a student's long term academic success. This was emphasized by Dr. Woolard when addressing the state report card ratings in front of the Senate Education committee in late September.

Recently introduced legislation

SB 162, sponsored by Sen. Andrew O. Brenner (R-Delaware), requires public schools to provide certain academic intervention services to each student who demonstrates a limited level in math and English language arts.

SB 168, sponsored by Sen. Michele Reynolds (R-Canal Winchester), regards education regulation reform, and amends certain sections of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, 2025, to continue the changes on and after that effective date.

HB 274, sponsored by Reps. Adam Matthews (R-Lebanon) and Richard Dell'Aquila (D-Seven Hills), authorizes an enhanced property tax homestead exemption for certain long-term homeowners.

HB 279, sponsored by Rep. Bernard Willis (R-Springfield), requires occupant restraining devices to be installed on all school buses within five years.

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House Finance Committee

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Redistricting Commission

The Ohio Redistricting Commission came to a unanimous agreement this week to accept state house and senate maps. The new state level maps are set to last until 2030 if no legal cases are brought forth. The final maps can be found on the Ohio Redistricting Commission's website.

New bills introduced

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Senate Ways and Means Committee

The committee heard sponsor testimony on Senate Bill (SB) 153, sponsored by Sen.s. George Lang (R-West Chester) and Terry Johnson (R-McDermott), which would temporarily modify the method for valuing farmland and other real property for tax purposes.

The committee heard sponsor testimony on SB 134, sponsored by Sen. Frank Hoagland (R-Mingo Junction), which would extend the homestead property tax exemption to certain disabled veterans.

The committee also heard sponsor testimony on SB 136, sponsored by Sen. Hearcel F. Craig (D-Columbus), which would reduce property taxes on qualifying owner-occupied homes and names this act the Property Tax Relief and Local Government Support Act.

House Public Utilities Committee

The committee held a second hearing on HB 197, sponsored by Reps. James Hoops (R-Napoleon) and Sharon Ray (R-Wadsworth), which would establish the community solar pilot program and the solar development program.

New bills introduced

HB 274, sponsored by Reps. Adam Matthews (R-Lebanon) and Richard Dell'Aquila (D-Seven Hills), would authorize an enhanced property tax homestead exemption for certain long-term homeowners.

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State Board of Education

Several members of the state board of education (SBOE) are suing to halt the transition of power from the SBOE to the newly created Department of Education and Workforce (DEW), citing that the provision in HB 33 violates the state constitution. A Franklin County Common Pleas Judge issued a temporary restraining order on Thursday preventing the state from moving forward with the implementation of DEW. A hearing is scheduled for October 2.

House Primary and Secondary Education Committee

The committee amended Senate Bill (SB) 49, sponsored by Sen. Michele Reynolds (R-Canal Winchester), which

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would enact the Religious Expression Days "R.E.D." Act and require school boards to adopt a policy providing students with religious accommodations for up to three days. The substitute bill adds the following:

Changes the definition of chronic absenteeism to no longer include excused absences.

Does not count excused absences toward habitual truancy or excessive absenteeism until a student has more than 60 hours of excused absences.

Provides a list of what must be considered a "legitimate excuse" for absences.

Updates the state's graduation rate formula so schools and districts are not penalized when students on individualized educational plans defer graduation.

The committee held its second hearing on SB 17, sponsored by Sen. Steve Wilson (R-Mainesville), which would require the State Board to update the standards and model curriculum for financial literacy and entrepreneurship in grades nine-12 to include free market capitalism content.

The committee heard sponsor testimony on House Bill (HB) 235, sponsored by Sarah Fowler Arthur (R-Rock Creek), which looks to make changes regarding membership and election of the State Board of Education and the State Board's public meetings.

The committee heard sponsor testimony on HB 250, sponsored by Reps. Jessica Miranda (D-Forest Park) and Tracy Richardson (R-Marysville), which revises the Military Enlistment diploma seal.

House Ways and Means Committee

The committee amended HB 187, sponsored by Reps. Thomas Hall (R-Middletown) and Adam Bird (R-Cincinnati), which modifies the procedures used by the Tax Commissioner to conduct property tax sales-assessment ratio studies. The amendment adds a current agricultural use value (CAUV) clause that sunsets after a three-year period. The committee also held a third hearing on HB 90, sponsored by Tom Patton (R-Strongsville), which would authorize a total property tax exemption for the homesteads of totally disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.

New Bills introduced

HB 263, sponsored by Reps. Dani Isaacsohn (D-Cincinnati) and Thomas Hall (R-Middletown), would authorize a property tax freeze for certain owner-occupied homes.

HB 266, sponsored by Rep. Scott Wiggam (R-Wooster), would require school districts and schools to update emergency management plans to include evacuation procedures for individuals with disabilities.

HB 267, sponsored by Rep. Mike Loychik (R-Cortland), would provide for primary elections for state and school district board of education members and move the election for state and school district board members from the nonpartisan ballot.

SB 153, sponsored by Sens. George Lang (R-West Chester Township) and Terry Johnson (R-McDermott), would temporarily modify the method for valuing farmland and other real property for tax purposes.

Ohio Department of Education

The Ohio Department of Education released the 2022-23 Ohio School Report Cards for districts and buildings. The report card includes the overall star rating this year. The College, Career, Workforce and Military Readiness Component will not have a rating until the 2024-25 school year.

Fall legislative session heats up

As the legislators return to Capitol Square this month a major challenge they will face yet again is ironing out redistricting of the statehouse districts. Redistricting was originally supposed to be finished in the Fall of 2021 using the 2020 census data, but apparent delays from the Census Bureau, as claimed by state lawmakers, as well as heavily gerrymandered maps rejected no less than four times by the Ohio Supreme Court have dragged the redistricting process into its third year and second election cycle. As redistricting carries on into its third year, state level maps will be the focus after lawsuits related to the previously drawn congressional maps were dismissed earlier this month. Congressional maps will have to be redrawn eventually for the 2026 election cycle and when that occurs the stakes may be even higher thanks to the introduction of House Bill (HB) 235, sponsored by former state board member and current state representative Sarah Fowler Arthur (R-Rock Creek). HB 235 looks to have a fully elected 15-member state board of education (SBOE) whose districts would be the same as Ohio's congressional districts. HB 235 does not stop there as it also moves SBOE races from a nonpartisan ballot to a partisan ballot complete with primary elections. If passed, HB 235 would be fully implemented by Jan. 1, 2027, congressional redistricting for 2026 even more important. HB 235 comes at an interesting time as the SBOE has already been stripped of much of its power with the creation of the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) in the state's biennial budget, HB 33.

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In addition to partisan elections for the SBOE, new legislation was introduced this month that would make local school board races partisan as well. HB 267, introduced by Rep. Mike Loychik (R-Cortland), goes one step further than HB 235 in that it makes the SBOE and local school board races partisan with primary elections which would inadvertently limit the pool of highly qualified individuals from running.

In addition to attempts to inject party designations into school board elections, the state is also looking at school bus safety. Following the fatal accident in Clark county involving a vehicle colliding with a school bus, Gov. Mike DeWine formed the Ohio School Bus Safety Working Group comprised of 13 governor appointees with backgrounds in transportation, education, public policy, and medical research. The working group is tasked with examining topics such as:

- school bus regulations;
- school bus design, maintenance, and inspections;
- driver licensing, certification, and training;
- school bus safety technology;
- crash risk factors;
- lessons learned from other school bus accidents;
- alternative transportation and associated risks;
- school bus seat belts;
- safety of special populations;
- critical incident protocol.

Gov. DeWine's end goal for the working group is to examine various school transportation safety issues and then have the panel issue policy recommendations that could help guide future legislation in Ohio. The working group will look at research on school bus safety and hear testimony on the topic before crafting their recommendations. In their first meeting, the group was informed that since 2018 there have been more than 6,000 crashes involving school buses in the state of Ohio. Those crashes account for less than 1% of all automobile crashes in the state over that time. Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Andy Wilson told the group, "As you can see, this is clear evidence that our school buses are really the safest mode of transportation that we have here in Ohio to get our kids to and from school." Gov. DeWine acknowledged that data shows school buses are the safest form of transportation used by students but believes state officials are obligated to ensure they are doing all they can to prevent future fatal incidents from occurring. The topic of school buses requiring seat belts for all passengers is sure to be debated heavily.

Ohio's senior senator, Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Cleveland), has even waded into school bus safety as his office recently announced legislation to enact federal seat belt requirements for buses. Gov. DeWine said the working group is aware of the proposed federal legislation but does not want the working group to wait for a federal law that may never come. The governor is hopeful that the group will have its recommendations for Ohio state officials by the end of the year.

Recently introduced legislation

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STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Martindale provided a Student Achievement Liaison Report as follows:

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Last month, our pre-nursing students along with the American Red Cross hosted the first South-Western Career Academy blood drive of the year. The donors donated 39 units of blood which has the ability to help save 117 lives! Thank you to all who donated and thank you pre-nursing students for being a calming presence!

Congratulations to the Westland Environmental Club from Westland High School for being named the recipient of the Westland Area Business Association's (WABA) Beautification Award. The award recognizes the important work the Westland Environmental Club has done to beautify the Westland High School campus, while also working simultaneously to reduce carbon emissions.

The Westland High School Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets recently performed two patriotic ceremonies for our community. First the Cadet's traveled to Greenlawn Cemetery to conduct a remembrance ceremony at Eddie Rickenbacker's graveside. This year marked the 49th year that Westland AFJROTC has conducted this ceremony honoring America's WWI Flying Ace. Following that ceremony, the cadets visited the Motts Military Museum and finished the day with a POW/MIA and the 13 Folds of Honor flag folding ceremony. The cadets conducted themselves with respect and represented South-Western City School, Westland High School, and AFJROTC with honor and excellence.

Congratulations to Grove City High School (GCHS) who recently was named to the 2023 U.S. News & World Report's national top schools rankings. The U.S. News Best High Schools rankings include data on nearly 25,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. Schools were ranked on six factors based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college. Of the 17,680 national high schools, GCHS placed in the top 31 percent in the nation and Top 20 percent in the state of Ohio. Graduating 93.3 percent of students in 4 years and 92.9 percent of students in 5 years and a 33 percent AP participation rate, our Greyhounds continue to achieve at high levels. Congratulations to our GCHS students and staff on this accomplishment!

SWCSD STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Park Street Intermediate School and their school counselor, Deidra Muse, who has been named recipients of the prestigious Ohio Counseling Association OSCAR Award. The Ohio School Counselor Accountability Report (OSCAR) is a results-based representation that visually demonstrates how student domain outcomes are facilitated by the work of school counselors. School counselors are educators with Masters Degrees, who work with the entire student population on their academic, career, and social/emotional development in collaboration with parents, administration, and teachers. Last year, only 11 individual schools in the State of Ohio submitted reports that met the OSCAR criteria. Ms. Muse will be recognized at the annual All Ohio Counselors Conference October 16-18, 2023, at the Columbus Convention Center.

23-98 **Mr. Boso moved** that the Board of Education approve the Fiscal & Operational Management items as presented

1. Revised Permanent Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the revised permanent appropriations for September 2023. (See X-1)

[X-1.pdf \(70 KB\)](#)

2. Investments & Financial Statements for September 2023

It is recommended that the Board of Education in accordance with Section 135.14 of the Ohio Revised Code approve September investments (See X-2) and Cash Position Report (See X-3).

[X-2.pdf \(111 KB\)](#)

[X-3.pdf \(63 KB\)](#)

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3. Payment of Bills

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve payment of bills according to the list of checks for the month of September 2023. (See X-4)

[X-4.pdf \(125 KB\)](#)

4. Donations

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the donations of \$23,719.34 as detailed in X-5 and authorize letters of appreciation be sent to the donors.

[X-5.pdf \(85 KB\)](#)

5. Authorization to Pay Bills in Accordance with Section 5705.41 Ohio Revised Code

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for September which were not processed in accordance with Section 5705.41 Ohio Revised Code. (See X-6)

[X-6.pdf \(76 KB\)](#)

6. Approval of Payment in Lieu of Transportation

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the payment in lieu of transportation list for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. (See X-7) (in Executive Content Area due to confidential student information) According to Section 3227.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, the average cost of transportation per child in the state of Ohio for the 2023-2024 school year has been determined by the State Department of Education in the amount of \$596.43. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the payment in lieu of transportation to those residents who have applied and been approved to receive this reimbursement.

[X-7.pdf \(184 KB\)](#)

Ms. Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Boso, Aye;	Ms. Johnson, Aye;	Ms. Martindale, Aye;
Mr. Schreiner, Aye;	Mr. Caldwell, Aye.	

Motion Carried

23-99 Ms. Johnson moved that the Board of Education approve the Policy item as presented.

1. First Reading of Revised Policies

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the following revised policies.

po0141.2	Conflict of Interest
po1662.01	Compliance Officer Investigations
po2460.04	Independent Educational Evaluations
po2623.02	Third Grade Reading Guarantee
po5320	Immunizations
po5430.01	Graduation Recognitions
po5610.05	Student Suspension

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po8330	Student Records
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[po0141.2 - Revised - Conflict of Interest.pdf \(115 KB\)](#)
[po1662.01 - Revised - Compliance Officer Investigations.pdf \(151 KB\)](#)
[po2460.04 - Revised - Independent Educational Evaluations.pdf \(94 KB\)](#)
[po2623.02 - Revised - Third Grade Reading Guarantee.pdf \(170 KB\)](#)
[po5320 - Revised - Immunizations.pdf \(100 KB\)](#)
[po5430.01 - Revised - Graduation Recognitions.pdf \(108 KB\)](#)
[po5610.05 - Revised - Student Suspension.pdf \(99 KB\)](#)
[po8330 - Revised - Student Records.pdf \(193 KB\)](#)

Mr. Schreiner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Johnson, Aye; Mr. Schreiner, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye;
Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mr. Caldwell, Aye.

Motion Carried

23-100 Ms. Johnson moved that the Board of Education approve the Curriculum item as presented.

1. First Reading of Course of Study

It is requested that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the Art Course of Study, Grades K-12, as attached.

[Final DRAFT Copy of Art COS 8.31.23 .docx.pdf \(498 KB\)](#)

Mr. Boso seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Johnson, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye; Ms. Martindale, Aye;
Mr. Schreiner, Aye; Mr. Caldwell, Aye.

Motion Carried

23-101 Ms. Martindale moved that the Board of Education approve the Students/School/Community items as presented.

1. Grove City High School NJROTC to Travel to Key West, Florida

WHEREAS, Grove City High School NJROTC cadets have the opportunity to travel to Key West, Florida to visit military installations as part of NJROTC Orientation; and

WHEREAS, the trip is planned for April 5-7, 2024 and students will miss one day of school; and

WHEREAS, approximately 40 students will be accompanied by 5 adult chaperones; and

WHEREAS, transportation will be via charter buses and airplanes and accommodations will be made at the Looe Key Reef Resort (27340 Overseas Highway, Ramrod Key, FL 33042); and

WHEREAS, trip expenses will be paid by fundraising, student payments and the US Navy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South-Western City School District's Board of Education hereby authorizes Grove City High School NJROTC cadets to travel to Key West, Florida.

2. Westland High School Students to Travel to France and Italy

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WHEREAS, Westland High School students have the opportunity to travel to select locations in France and Italy to immerse students in the language and culture; and

WHEREAS, the trip is planned for June 8-17, 2025 and students will miss zero days of school; and

WHEREAS, the number of students and adult chaperones is yet to be determined; and

WHEREAS, transportation will be via charter buses and airplanes and accommodations will be made at various locations in Paris, The Riviera and Rome; and

WHEREAS, trip expenses will be paid by students and parents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South-Western City School District's Board of Education hereby authorizes Westland High School students to travel to France and Italy.

Mr. Schreiner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye;	Mr. Schreiner, Aye;	Mr. Boso, Aye;
Ms. Johnson, Aye;	Mr. Caldwell, Aye.	

Motion Carried

23-102 Mr. Schreiner moved that the Board of Education approve the Personnel items as presented.

CERTIFICATED AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESIGNATIONS

1. Resignations - Regular

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Johns, Madeline S.	FWIS/Intervention Specialist	10/15/23

2. Resignations - Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Hayward, Susan M.	DSC/Asst. Superintendent - Personnel	12/31/23
Lenox, Darrell E.	PSIS/6th Grade	5/31/24
Weddendorf, John	WHS/Speech/Drama-DL 50%	5/31/24

3. Resignations - Substitutes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Heid, Dean A.	10/6/23

CERTIFICATED CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS

1. Request for Reinstatement from Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date of Reinstatement</u>
Brindley, Cassidy A.	WHS/Intervention Spec	10/2/23
Clay, Caleb A.	WHS/Intervention Spec	9/25/23

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Spilman, Heather L.	WHS/French	10/3/23
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The following person is returning from paid military leave:

Warye, Samuel K.	NMS/7/8 SS	9/25/23
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2. Jury Duty

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Date Jury Duty Commences</u>
Moore, Brian N.	NMS/GRIS/Music Inst/Vocal	10/2/23
Robinson, Kenneth S.	BPMS/Intervention Specialist	10/5/23
Weygandt, Angela D.	PVMS/Intervention Specialist	9/28/23

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENTS

1. Supplemental Contract Recommendations for Extra Duty

The following teachers have been nominated for supplemental contract assignments for the 2023-2024 school year. In accordance with Section 3319.08 of the Ohio Revised Code, it is necessary that the Board formally employ and grant supplemental contracts to these persons, to be paid in accordance with the current adopted salary schedule for supplemental duties. The Board of Education's obligation for these supplemental (Extra Duty) contracts is contingent upon the employee fulfilling the required certifications in the Board policy and State Board of Education Rules 3301-27-01 and 3301-27-02 and maintaining current certification in those areas.

[Supplemental Contract Recommendations for Extra Duty 10.9.23.pdf \(64 KB\)](#)

2. IEP Writing

The following intervention specialist teachers are recommended for a supplemental contract to write IEP's for home instruction students and Jon Peterson annual review IEP's for the 2023-24 school year. They will be paid per Section 1603.03 of the SWEA Agreement, time sheets to be submitted.

Names

Bendure, Jennifer L.
Blythe, Melissa S.
Bully, Cathllin D.
Cole, Amy E.
Jackson, Devin D.
Lemaster, Sarah J.
Reeves, Kaileigh R.
Short, Jenny M.

3. Substitute Teachers

In accordance with provisions of Section 3319.10 of the Ohio Revised Code, the following persons are nominated as substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year, in accordance with the salary schedule for substitutes adopted by the South-Western City Schools Board of Education. This employment is contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of a report from BCII which complies with the provision of ORC 3319.31 and 3319.39(B)(3).

*Denotes SWCS retiree

Name

Bowshier, Dustin R.
Carter, Tari L.
Counts, Leigh K.
Dalton, Stacy L.

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Dougherty, Arica E.
Isaacs, Lacy D.
Khiliutsich, Olga
Maynard, Abigail C.
Merchant, Quantazia V.
Patterson, Nathan E
Thomas, Courtney L.

4. Substitute Pool

The following persons are nominated for the substitute pool at a rate of \$145 per day effective as indicated. This employment is contingent upon receipt by the Board of a report from BCII which complies with the provisions of ORC 3319.31 and 3319.39 (B)(3).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Breinholt, Kaden D.	10/3/23
Lange, Nicholas J.	10/2/23
Riley, Valerie L.	9/28/23

5. Stipend for Combined Class Elementary Teachers

In accordance with Section 1700.12(G) of the SWEA Bargaining Agreement, the following teachers are eligible to receive a stipend in the amount of \$1800 per year for teaching combined classes as assigned by the Administration. This payment will be made as part of the employee's regular salary. It is recommended that the stipends be approved for the 2023-2024 school year.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Elementary School</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Barbour, Elisabeth M.	Bolton Crossing	3rd/4th
Morrison, Olivia A.	Bolton Crossing	1st/2nd
Metzner, Hannah R.	Darbydale	3rd/4th
Weber, Michele L.	Darbydale	1st/2nd
Caraway, Jessica N.	East Franklin	3rd/4th
Wessels, Carrie L.	East Franklin	1st/2nd
Douglas, Suzanne M.	Finland	3rd/4th
Lenox, Cynthia L.	Harmon	1st/2nd
Manley, Jessica L.	Harmon	3rd/4th
Hayes, Silvera T.	Monterey	3rd/4th
Washington, Hannah K.	Richard Avenue	3rd/4th

CLASSIFIED RESIGNATIONS

1. Resignations - Regular

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Bartoe, David E.	SFRC/Class Asst Aide	9/22/23
Opsitnik, Marlana M.	DSC/DSC Secretary	9/29/23
Peck, Matthew C.	TRANS/Bus Driver	10/13/23

2. Resignations - Supplementals

<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
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CENTRAL CROSSING HIGH SCHOOL

Head Boys' Soccer Coach

Hadley, Keith A. 9/27/23

3. Resignations - Substitutes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Substitute Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brown, Eddina M.	Sub Clerical	9/14/23
Calhoun, SueEllen	Sub Aide	9/28/23
Sweinsberger, Ellen J.	Sub Clerical	9/29/23

CLASSIFIED CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS

1. Change of Assignment/Hours/Days

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Old Assignment/ Hours/Days/Location</u>	<u>New Assignment Hours/Days/Location</u>
Engle, Angela S.	9/25/23	Bus Aide/7.0/TRANS	Bus Aide/6.7/TRANS
Stern, Kyle R.	10/2/23	Custodian/BWES	Main I/DSC

2. Request for Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective Date of Leave</u>
Underwood P. Jill	CCHS/Secretary II	Family Responsibility	9/20/23 through 6/7/24

3. Request for Reinstatement from Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Date of Reinstatement</u>
Fusner, Christine I.	JMS/Health Aide	10/2/23
Martin, Kristin N.	HCIS/Cook	9/7/23
Vassar, Annette L.	FMS/Med Monitor	10/2/23

4. Jury Duty

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Date Jury Duty Commences</u>
Klosterman, Rae A.	DSC/DSC Secretary	9/11/23

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENTS

1. Personnel Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Per Hour/ Hours</u>	<u>Effective Date Term of Employment</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cooper, Juliann M.D.	Class Asst Aide	\$18.88/8.0	9/25/23 through 5/30/24	SFRC
Linley, Jacob G.	Custodian	\$19.93/8.0	9/18/23 for 12 months	CCHS
Smith-Campbell, Sophia C.	Sp Ed Aide	\$18.88/7.0	10/9/23 through 5/30/24	JMS

2. Classified Substitutes

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It is recommended that the following persons be approved for "on call" work on an hourly basis in the positions indicated, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. They will be paid the hourly rate indicated, time sheets to be submitted. This employment is contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of a report from BCI, which complies with the provisions of ORC 3319.31 and 3319.39(B)(3). It is understood that all requirements for operation of a school bus in the State of Ohio must be met before substitute bus drivers can be called to work.

Substitute Cooks - \$14.00 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$17.54 per hour)

Fink, Stacey A.

Barnes, Rita J.

Substitute Custodian - \$14.00 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$19.93 per hour)

Jackson, Cheley

Substitute SED, DH, Bus Aide - \$15.84 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$18.88 per hour)

Kistner, Nicole

Substitute Aide - \$14.00 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$18.88 per hour)

Kistner, Nicole

3. Permanent Appointment Recommendations

The following employees have successfully completed their probationary period and are recommended for permanent employment on the effective date shown:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Dell, Michelle L.	Cook	11/1/23	GRIS
Gonell, Ramon M.	Bus Driver	11/2/23	TRANS
Marcum, Cynthia N.	Cook	11/9/23	FHHS
Mehrle, Olivia N.	Bus Driver	11/1/23	TRANS
Steere, William C.	Bus Driver	11/1/23	TRANS

AUTHORIZATION TO DIRECT THE TREASURER TO ISSUE PUBLIC NOTICE

1. Recommendation to Direct the Treasurer to Issue a Public Notice

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize and direct the Treasurer to place a notice in the Columbus Dispatch, no later than October 11, 2023, which reads substantially as follows:

PUBLIC NOTICE

The South-Western City School District Board of Education hereby gives public notice in accordance with Section 3309.345 of the Ohio Revised Code that Hugh Garside, who is currently employed by the Board as Treasurer, will be retired and seeking re-employment with the Board in the same position following his service retirement.

The Board of Education will hold a public meeting on the issue of re-employing the above-named person at a meeting to be held on November 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the District Service Center, located at 3805 Marlane Drive, Grove City, Ohio.

Ms. Martindale seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Schreiner, Aye; Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye;
Ms. Johnson, Aye; Mr. Caldwell, Aye.

Motion Carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATIVE TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Dr. Rachel Zylberberg
 - a. Dr. Zylberberg stated she is a student's pediatrician.
 - b. Dr. Zylberberg stated a communications protocol was implemented related to that student.

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- c. Dr. Zylberberg stated that a previous communications protocol outlined that she could directly work with the school nurse.
 - d. Dr. Zylberberg stated the District’s legal counsel “reneged on the communication protocol”.
 - e. Dr. Zylberberg stated she will be using the analogy of baseball to communicate the intent of the communication protocol needed.
 - f. Dr. Zylberberg stated that she recommended a person trained in CPR accompany the student at all times.
 - g. Dr. Zylberberg stated the special education director stated that this was an unreasonable request.
 - h. Dr. Zylberberg stated that ODE has already found the District in non-compliance in its use of a Rifton chair for the student.
 - i. Dr. Zylberberg stated that the student also has a medical protocol for a Life Pak device that nurses should be trained on, but was instructed not to be by the special education director.
 - j. Dr. Zylberberg stated that only medical professionals should serve in that position.
 - k. Dr. Zylberberg stated the special education director is just a pawn, working at the direction of someone with a big ego and that he can do whatever he wants without facing consequences.
 - l. Dr. Zylberberg stated she is referring to the school superintendent.
2. Ms. Ginny Spohn
 - a. Ms. Spohn stated she is a mother of three children in the district and that her oldest is a junior at GCHS.
 - b. Ms. Spohn stated her daughter has a number of medical ailments that need support.
 - c. Ms. Spohn stated that on Jan. 4, 2023 her daughter’s physician provided a plan that outlined the need for a medical device in case of aspiration.
 - d. Ms. Spohn stated she was told she could not have the device on her child’s person.
 - e. Ms. Spohn stated she contacted multiple other districts to ask what their chain of command was in matters such as this and their responses confirmed what she already knew.
 - f. Ms. Spohn asked why administrators without medical training are making decisions for students’ medical needs.
 - g. Ms. Spohn stated that the District has 34 schools and over 21,000 students.
 - h. Ms. Spohn asked the Board how many nurses the District has, how many lead nurses they have, and cited nurse to student ratios.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Board Items
 - a. There were no Board items for discussion.

Ms. Johnson moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Mr. Boso seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Johnson, Aye;	Mr. Boso, Aye;	Ms. Martindale, Aye;
Mr. Schreiner, Aye;	Mr. Caldwell, Aye.	

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Anthony A. Caldwell
President

Hugh W. Garside, Jr.
Treasurer